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METAL PRODUCTION, MINING PROGRESSING

ALUMINUM FACTORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 5 Dec 50

Thus far, 90 percent of the alumina shop and over 60 percent of the aluminum shop of the factory at Strnisce have been completed. Sixty percent of the machinery has been installed in the alumina shop, and some is being installed in the aluminum shop. The bauxite warehouse, which has been completed, can hold raw material reserves for a half year's production. A 150-meter revolving furnace for roasting bauxite has been installed.

The larger of the two electrolysis shops will produce 15,000 tons of aluminum per year. Twenty thousand kilowatt-hours of power will be used to produce one ton of aluminum.

Thus far, 16 kilometers of industrial ra_ road have been laid, of 32 kilometers planned altogether.

The "Franc Leskosek" Factory will construct 150 cathode fv aces and two electric furnaces for the aluminum factory, the "Djuro Djakovic" Enterprise will construct 160 furnaces for one of the two electrolysis shops, and the "Jedinstvo" Factory will build the reservoirs.

The alumina and aluminum factory at Strnisce is scheduled to begin operation by the end of the Five-Year Plan.

PRODUCES IRON ALLOYS -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 6 Dec 50

The "Elektrozelezarna" Factory in Sibenik has been producing the following iron alloys for domestic and foreign consumption: ferromanganese, ferrochromium, ferromolybdenum, and ferrosilicon. In 1949 the factory began the production of ferrowolfram and high-grade manganese. At present the factory is also producing ferrosulfide and graphite. The factory has succeeded in obtaining graphite from anthracite coal.

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COPPER ROLLING MILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Belgrade, Glas, 29 Nov 50

A new copper-rolling mill, which will be 400 meters long and 100 meters wide, is under construction in Sevojno near Titovo Uzice. In addition to a rolling section, it will have a foundry section. The mill is scheduled to be completed during 1951.

MANGANESE MINE TO BE REOPENED SOON -- Belgrade, Rad, 18 Dec 50

Kragujevac -- A manganese mine in Draca near Kragujevac, which was exploited before the war, will be reopened and will begin operation in January 1951. In addition to Draca, prospectors have found large manganese deposits in Drenovac and Pogojevac. The manganese ore at Draca contains from 16- to 36-percent-pure manganese.

MORE BAUXITE DISCOVERED -- Belgrade, Borba, 11 Dec 50

Split, 10 December -- Large bauxite deposits were discovered in Bukovica in Benkovac Srez recently, while iron ore was found near the village of Zega.

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